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The Honorable Christian A. Harter  
Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Chris:

Thank you for your letter of 11 April on your intention to establish an organization with senior status within the Department of State as a focal point for disarmament study and research.

There is clearly a need for more systematic study and research on arms control problems than has been available to us up to this point. Hence, I believe that any organization which will give new impetus in this field is most desirable.

I note that you will be in touch with me shortly concerning the assistance you desire in staffing this new organization. We will be happy to assist in any way we can.

Faithfully yours,

*SIGNED*

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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